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The first Klan was founded in Pulaski, Tennessee, some time between December 1865 and August 1866 by six former members of the Confederate army as a fraternal social club inspired at least in part by the then largely defunct Sons of Malta (an intentional parody of the Freemasons), from which parts of the initiation ceremony were borrowed, with the same purpose: "ludicrous initiations, the baffling of public curiosity, and the amusement for members were the only objects of the Klan."

According to The Cyclopædia of Fraternities(1907) "Beginning in April, 1867, there was a gradual transformation... The members had conjured up a veritable Frankenstein." and by the end of the year the society had become a hate group

"Hey son, did I ever tell you about when I joined the Klan?"

"Oh God! Da, why?"

"no, don't get upitty yet. I ain't even told you yet. Naw boy, the Klan weren't always the horrible despicable thugs you see today."

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"so what happened to em?"

"a bad bunch came in and rotted the whole thing. The good guys jumped ship and the rats stayed behind."

"oh God paw. What were it like?"

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